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City of Barrie

Final

Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, May 15, 2023 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Community Safety Committee on September 19, 2023.

Present:	5 -	Councillor N. Nigussie
		R. Garvin
		C. Kenwell
		L. Pope
		E. Saba
Absent:	3 -	G. Kavanagh
		R. Meier
		D. Smith

STAFF:
Abilities and Accessibility Mgmt. Specialist, C. Dillon
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Senior Project Manager (Capital Facilities), N. Calder.

ALSO PRESENT:
Lead Architect from Diamond Schmitt Architects, W. Chan.

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION - ALLANDALE AND DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB

Natalie Calder, Senior Project Manager (Capital Facilities), and Walton Chan, Lead Architect from Diamond Schmitt Architects provided a presentation concerning the Allandale and Downtown Transit Mobility Hub Project ("Project").

Ms. Calder and Mr. Chan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Project including an aerial photo of the location, and a conceptual drawing;
- Renderings of the conceptual designs of the Project including the site design, site access, and building designs; and
- The accessibility provisions of the Project including the accessibility standards, and renderings illustrating the site accessibility, the exterior tactile wayfinding and warning edge, the bus shelter, inside the terminal building, the driver's building, and accessible washrooms.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Ms. Calder and Mr. Walton Chan and received responses.

NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK (NAAW)

Cheryl Dillon, Abilities and Accessibility Management Specialist provided an overview of National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) taking place from May 28 to June 3, 2023. She advised that this year's theme is "Disability Inclusion: From Possibilities to Practice".

Ms. Dillon discussed the origin of NAAW which was founded in 1988 and inspired by Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour, giving the opportunity to celebrate Canadians with disabilities and raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion in communities. She noted that this year marks the 25th Anniversary of NAAW, and that Mayor Nuttall has proclaimed the week of May 28 to June 3 as National AccessAbility Week in the City of Barrie.

The Committee discussed suggestions to further promote the 2024 National AccessAbility Week.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Cheryl Dillon, Abilities and Accessibility Management Specialist discussed the Multi-Year Accessible Plan ("Plan") the legislated requirement to provide yearly updates on the Plan to Council.

Ms. Dillon advised that staff are preparing a memorandum to Council to provide an update on the 2022 Plan. She commented that a draft of the memorandum will be forwarded to the Committee prior to its next meeting to answer any Committee members' questions or comments.

Ms. Dillon discussed the community survey conducted several years ago for the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. She commented that a new community survey would help in updating the next Plan through community questions, comments, and feedback. She noted that the survey will be posted on the Building Barrie website, and digital and paper copies will be available to email, provide in-person, and/or located at the City's community centres.

Ms. Dillon advised that draft questions will be circulated to the Committee to have the survey live as soon as possible.

The Committee asked several questions related to the Plan and received responses from Ms. Dillon.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN

Cheryl Dillon, Ability and Accessibility Management Specialist discussed the 2015 Community Survey associated with the Age-Friendly Community Plan ("Plan"). She advised that the Plan needs to be updated and that the Age-Friendly Community Plan is all-inclusive to all age groups and not just for seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CHAIRMAN